

Remarks

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated January 16, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 16, 2009.

Claims 1-18 and 34-36 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 19-33 and 35-36 have been cancelled by Applicants. Claims 1-18 and 34 are rejected, and claims 35 and 36 are objected to by the Examiner. Claims 35 and 36 are indicated by the Examiner to be allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. Claims 17 and 34 have been amended to incorporate all elements of claims 36 and 35, respectively. Claim 1 is amended to clarify the invention. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-18 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Hamaguchi et al.* (2001/0028038, hereafter "Hamaguchi").

Claim 17 has been amended to include all elements of claim 36, which is indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Therefore, claim 17 is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of rejection to claim 17 is respectfully requested.

Claim 34 has been amended to include all elements of claim 35, which is indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Therefore, claim 34 is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of rejection to claim 34 is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the same limitation "wherein each lens module has n -fold symmetry with respect to the center of the opening and $n > 1$ " as included in claim 34, which is neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art as indicated by the Examiner. Therefore, claim 1 as amended is in condition for allowance. As claims 2-16 depend on claim 1 and contain all the limitations of claim 1, claims 2-16 should be

allowable for at least the same reasons stated above. Withdrawal of rejection to claim 1 and claims dependent thereon is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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